

# Claims

- [c1] 1. An apparatus for sealing containers which comprises a sealing head for sealing a peripheral edge portion of a lid to an inner surface of a downwardly tapered body wall of the container, the sealing head being provided with a seal holding face fittable to the body wall inner surface, the apparatus being characterized in that recesses are formed respectively in a plurality of portions of the seal holding face along the circumference thereof for guiding slack produced in the lid peripheral edge portion at the time of sealing.
- [c2] 2. An apparatus for sealing containers according to claim 1 wherein the seal holding face has an upper region and a lower region, and the recesses are positioned in the lower region.
- [c3] 3. An apparatus for sealing containers according to claim 2 wherein the recesses each have a lower end which is open downward.
- [c4] 4. An apparatus for sealing containers according to claim 3 wherein the recesses are each in the form of a groove extending vertically and are arranged at a constant spac-

ing.

- [c5] 5. An apparatus for sealing containers according to claim 4 wherein the recesses have a width approximately equal to the spacing between the adjacent recesses.
- [c6] 6. An apparatus for sealing containers according to any one of claims 1 to 5 which comprises a holder for holding the container and wherein the holder has a container inserting bore, and an inner peripheral surface of the holder defining the bore has an upper end portion providing a seal bearing face corresponding to the seal holding face, the seal bearing face having a diameter constant over the entire length thereof and equal to the outside diameter of an upper end of the container body wall.